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Applicant(s) (DO/EO/US) : JARMAN, Carl Dudley, et al.
Title: FROZEN FOOD PRODUCT :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Although the above-identified International application has been amended under Article 34, applicants request that examination in the United States National Phase be based on the claims as originally filed in the International application, and this Preliminary Amendment is based thereon. Prior to calculating the national fee, and prior to examination in the National Phase of the above-identified International application, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 13, lines 1 and 2:

Delete "or 2".

Remarks

The purpose of this Preliminary Amendment is to eliminate the multiple dependency of the claims in order to avoid the additional fee and to correct improper multiple dependencies. Applicants reserve the right to reintroduce claims to canceled combined subject matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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